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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/635,116

Applicants: SUJIAN HUANG ET AL.

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For: METHOD FOR SIMULATING DRILLING OF

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# HALLIBURTON'S REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF GROUP DIRECTOR WONG'S DECISION MAILED OCTOBER 09, 2003

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In his decision on Halliburton's petition to withdraw Smith's application from issue under 37 CFR 1.313, Group Director Wong acknowledged that "The USPTO is authorized to withdraw an application from issue after the payment of the issue fee for interference," citing 37 CFR 1.313(b)(4). However, he declined to initiate proceedings to do so on the ground that:

Interference is defined as "a proceeding instituted in the Patent and Trademark Office before the Board to determine any question of patentability and priority of invention between two or more parties claiming the same patentable invention." See 37 CFR § 1.601(i). As no interference has been declared to date, the conditions of 37 CFR § 1.313(b) have not been met....

Application No. 09/635,116 Request for Reconsideration

With respect, it is pointed out, that if the interference had been declared, ex parte prosecution, including the administrative steps leading to issuance of a patent to Smith, would have been suspended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.615(a). Accordingly, 37 CFR 1.313(b)(4)'s reference to withdrawing an application from issue "For interference" inherently means withdrawing the application from issue prior to declaration of the interference—that is, it refers to sending the application to the board so that both the target application (in this case, the Smith application) and the targeting application (in this case, the Halliburton application) can be referred to an APJ, who will then decide whether or not to declare an interference.

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